

Nicholas J. Sonder, AIA

EDUCATION:

Nick received both his Bachelor of Fine Arts and his Bachelor of Architecture from the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. "RISD" is well known for hiring staff that are stars in their specific fields and is rated as one of the top schools of architecture in the world.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE / AFFILIATIONS:

State of California Licensed Architect No. C23951

State of Nevada Registered Architect No.4311

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards No.51394

American Institute of Architects -member No.30090270

EXPERIENCE:

Nick has significant experience in public works projects focusing on community centers, fire stations, recreational facilities and schools. He has worked on projects as large as the \$68,000,000 Folsom High School, where Nick was assigned as the lead designer with the firm Rainforth Grau Architects. This project was awarded the Coalition of Adequate School Housing Merit Award for Design.

After relocating from Sacramento to Truckee, Nick worked with Architects Faulkner + Ryan as a project architect. During this time Nick worked on several projects for the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District at the Kings Beach School and the Tahoe Lake Elementary School. Nick was also involved with the detailing of the Lodge at Lahontan as well as being a valued source of technical and design information on many projects that were produced by that office including several custom residential projects in addition to the public works sector projects.

Nick decided to accept a position in the firm of Smith Design Group in Incline Village when Architects Faulkner + Ryan dissolved. At Smith Design Group, Nick continued his work with the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District at the North Tahoe Middle School/High School, Tahoe Lake Elementary School and Rideout Elementary School. Nick also had the opportunity to lead the design teams for work on Fire stations, community centers as well as the Burnt Cedar Beach Bath house, which received the Washoe County merit award for design. The Sun Valley Fire Station also received the Washoe County merit award for design the following year.

His work with community groups and advisory boards has afforded his clientele a valuable communication resource. Communication, understanding design and a creative approach to architecture has resulted in a large scope of successful projects. The technical expertise in the vastly more complex arena of public works projects offers his residential clients a completely detailed level of documentation that is often lacking in the residential design field.

Nick has first hand experience in construction framing and finish work. He and Matt built a 1700 sf addition by hand that reflects the level of detailing Nick can provide. This experience was an amazing process that every architect should explore. The actual process of building what you design gives you the insight required to follow your design intent through to completion.

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PROJECT HISTORY:

The following is a partial list of projects that Nick was an integral part of the design team.

with Rainforth Grau Architects:

- Elitha Donner Hopscotch Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District
\$3,000,000 new elementary school
- Laguna West Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District
\$5,000,000 new elementary school.
- Livermore High School Master Plan Implementation - Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
\$10,000,000 modernization and addition project .
- Livermore North Elementary School - Livermore Valley, Joint Unified School District
\$5,000,000 new elementary school
- Folsom High School Modernization - Folsom Cordova Unified School District
\$3,000,000 modernization of the old high school
- Folsom High School - Folsom Cordova Unified School District
\$68,000,000 new high school

with Architects Faulkner + Ryan:

- Kings Beach Elementary School Additions -Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
\$3,000,000 addition projects
- Tahoe Lake Elementary School Modernization -Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
\$600,000 for phase one
- Rideout Elementary School -Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
\$700,000 modernization
- The Lodge at Lahontan
\$21,000,000 lodge composed of three timber frame structures.
- Harleen Residence
4,000 sf custom home in Sugarbowl

with Smith Design Group:

- Community Center -Parasol Foundation Incline
\$6,000,000 new facility
- Tahoe Lake Elementary School Modernization -Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
\$600,000 for phase two
- Burnt Cedar Bath House -Incline Village General Improvement District
\$1,500,000 new facility
- McQueen Fire Station No.11 -City of Reno
\$3,500,000 new facility
- Sun Valley Fire Station -Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
\$1,500,000 new facility
- North Tahoe Middle School High School -Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
\$4,800,000 new gymnasium addition